



## **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY**

**August 2014 – Week 4**

**Air Date: August 17 – August 23 (Sunday – Saturday)**

### **TITLE: BAYOU BLOODSHED**

AUGUST 1917 A BLOODY NIGHT IN A TEXAS BAYOU.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 23, 1917. CAMP LOGAN, HOUSTON. SENT TO PROTECT THE CAMP, BLACK TROOPS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY ARRIVE IN A DEEPLY SEGREGATED CITY, AND TENSIONS RISE.

WHEN HOUSTON POLICE PISTOL-WHIP A BLACK SERGEANT FOR INTERFERING IN THE ARREST OF A BLACK WOMAN, SOLDIERS RIOT. GRABBING THEIR GUNS, OVER A HUNDRED SOLDIERS RUSH INTO THE STREET HEADED FOR DOWNTOWN. FOR HOURS, THE SOLDIERS MARK A BLOODY TRAIL, KILLING FIFTEEN WHITES. THEY FINALLY DISBAND AFTER DARK.

IN NOVEMBER, THE LARGEST COURT MARTIAL IN U.S. HISTORY FINDS 110 SOLDIERS GUILTY. SIXTY-THREE GOT LIFE IN PRISON. THIRTEEN WERE HUNG, IN SECRET, A MONTH LATER.

THE CAMP LOGAN RIOT TOOK PLACE 97 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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